



# Town of East Fishkill

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## COVID-19 Update from Supervisor D'Alessandro & Town Board

Today is Monday March 16, 2020 at 12:00pm. This is an update public health advisory.

Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro has issued a declaration of a state of emergency. Large gatherings are prohibited and all senior and recreation programs will remain closed until further notice.

We are all working as a community to slow the spread and severity of the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak. We have been working closely with Dutchess County Government and Dutchess County Dept. of behavioral and community health and are taking steps that are consistent with established protocols and recommendations.

All town offices within the Town will be closed to the public effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

We are doing this to protect our Town Staff who will be at work, performing necessary functions. We ask all residents to phone or email staff rather than come to Town Hall. All numbers and email addresses are available on our website. If you must bring paperwork to the Town please call the applicable department and they will provide you with information on how to send in the paperwork.

The Town Board meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 without the public in attendance. Public Hearings will be adjourned to future dates. The agenda will be posted on the Towns Website. Comments on agenda items will be received by email by 4:00 p.m. of the meeting date and read into the record by the Town Clerk.

THE NYS GOVERNOR TODAY HAS ISSUED ORDERS THAT ALL RESTAURANTS, BARS, GYMS, AND THEATERS BE CLOSED 8:00PM TONIGHT. RESTAURANTS CAN BE OPEN FOR ONLY TAKEOUT, CURBSIDE, AND DELIVERY.

For more information on the virus, please visit the Town of East Fishkill website. There you will find resources provided by the Dutchess County Health Department as well as links to the CDC website. These pages contain reliable information to guide you and your family going further. For further information please contact the Dutchess County Health Department at (845) 486-3400.

Regarding Prevention, while there is currently no vaccine to prevent this virus, these simple steps can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. A fun way to judge the time is to sing the happy birthday song, twice.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick or have symptoms. Practice social distancing, or remaining at least 6 feet from others, wherever possible.

Stay home when you are sick. Employers, please cooperate and support employees that are staying home, as it is in the best interest of all not to cross-infect others within the workplace

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Our office will continue to coordinate efforts with the Dutchess County Office of the County Executive and the Dutchess County Health Department. As necessary, and will remain in contact with the NYS Department of Health and the Governor's office. Once again, I urge you to not panic, but to be prepared and responsible, and together we can inhibit the spread of Covid-19. Please check the Town of East Fishkill website **[WWW.EASTFISHKILLNY.GOV](http://WWW.EASTFISHKILLNY.GOV)**

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,  
Nicholas D'Alessandro, Supervisor  
Town of East Fishkill